evaluation studies on the implementation of the provisions of the Act. The reports of the studies are forwarded to the State Governments for further necessary action.

Unemployment

†2962. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of urban education and rural unemployment in India *vis-a-vis* other countries of the world;

(b) what practice is being followed in the country to provide employment to unemployed persons togetherwith the practice being followed in other countries of the world;

(c) whether India has failed to provide and generate employment opportunities continuously during the last few years; and

(d) if so, what would be the scenario of unemployment in the country during ensuing decade?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) The unemployment situation in India *vis -a-vis* other countries of the world in terms of unemployment rates prevailing in some of the developed countries and some neighbouring countries of India are given below:

Country	Unemployment Rates during 1996
USA	5.4
JAPAN	3.4
AUSTRALIA	8.6
CHINA	3.0
PAKISTAN	5.4
BANGLADESH	2.3
SRI LANKA	11.3
INDIA	2.68*

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Reliable estimate for India for the year 1996 is not available. Therefore the figure 2.68 indicated for 1999-2000 is not strictly comparable with the figures of other countries. Moreover, the unemployment rates prevailing in different countries may not be comparable because the way employment is measured differs from one country to another. Countries also differ in respect of the size of the organised sector *vis-a-vis* unorganised sector and the efficacy of the respective national statistical system that estimates employment.

(b) to (d) In India significant job opportunities are being created in services sector such as Financial Services, Information Technologies and Tourism. In addition, various poverty alleviation and employment generation programmes both in urban and rural areas are in operation which now have been re-designed and restructured to improve their efficacy and impact on the poor. In the present scenario regular additional wage employment alone would not be sufficient. Hence efforts have been made to divert the unemployed to self-employment and to small-scale ventures. Recognising the problem of unemployment, a Task Force under the Chairmanship of Dr. M.S. Ahluwalia, Member, Planning Commission has been set up to go into the details of the employment generation taking place and suggest measures to create at least 100 million jobs in a period of ten years (10 million each year).

Revision of Pay Scale of CSS Assistants

2963. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the "Fast Track Committee" constituted in the aftermath of the Fifth Central Pay Commission Report consisting of three Secretaries (Ministry of Home, Personnel and Expenditure) to rectify a few services anomaly cases while considering the demand of revision of pay scale of DANICS/DANIPS *vis-a-vis* CSS opined that